



## **NTWSA 2008 Women's Tournament Rules**

F.I.F.A. rules of play apply with the following exceptions

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All teams must be currently registered with their state association. Teams not affiliated with North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) must provide a Travel Permit with official roster from their state association. All players must be USASA registered and must have a current laminated outdoor player ID card. Rosters are limited to 24 players, 5 of which may be guest players. No player may play for more than one team. All players, including guest players, must be 18 years of age or older as of the date of play. All players in Over-30 Divisions must be at 30 years of age or older as of the date of play. A representative from each team must be at tournament registration on Friday, March 14th between 7:30pm and 10:00pm to present their rosters, waiver and ID cards. No roster changes are permitted after 10:00pm, Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT**

All teams must bring two sets of jerseys (primary and alternate). Teams must wear jerseys of the same color. Each jersey must have a permanently attached number of contrasting color that matches the player's number on the roster. Goalkeeper must be assigned a number and must wear that number while playing on the field. However, a number is not necessary while playing in the goal. Goalkeeper jersey must be of contrasting color to both teams. In the event of a color conflict, home team (listed first on schedule) will be responsible for changing to the alternate team color or wearing pennies. Commercially manufactured shin guards are mandatory and must be covered entirely by socks. All jewelry must be removed or taped in such a way to prevent injury with approval subject to the sole discretion of the referee. Home team must supply the game ball.

### **GAMES**

All games will be held on Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th. All preliminary games will have two 30-minute halves with a 5-minute break between halves. In the event of a tie during a preliminary round game, the tie will stand as the final score. Final games will be regulation time. In the event of a tie during a final game, there will be two 15-minute overtime periods. If, at the end of the two overtime periods, the score is still tied, then penalty kick shoot-outs will begin immediately. A game will be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play at the scheduled game time. In the event of an unforeseen condition in which a team is unduly delayed beyond their control, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to this rule.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions will be unlimited and shall be made at the consent of the referee on: any throw-in, half-time, goal kick, after a goal is scored or injury. The referee must be notified and substitutes must enter and exit at the center of the field.

### **MISCONDUCT**

Player misconduct (cautions and ejections) will be reported to the Tournament Committee after each game. In the event of an ejection, the player is automatically disqualified from the game immediately following and assessed a \$20.00 fine. Any player receiving two red cards or three yellow cards will be eliminated from the rest of the tournament. Any player ejected for fighting, joining a fight or abuse and/or assault of a referee will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Any team receiving three or more red cards will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit the tournament fee. Player cards for teams or players ejected from the tournament will be kept and sent to their State Association with a misconduct report.